

**Amendments to the Specification:**

On Page 1, line 1, please amend the Cross-Reference to Related Applications added by Preliminary Amendment filed February 26, 2002 as follows:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

~~Applicant~~ Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 199 40 792.4, filed on August 27, 1999 and U.S. Application Serial No. 60/152,689, filed on September 7, 1999. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. ~~§120~~ §365 of PCT/DE00/02136, filed on July 5, 2000. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

**Election of Invention:**

The Patent Examiner has required a restriction to one of the following inventions for further prosecution:

Group I: Claims 16-23 and 28, drawn to a metal cloth; or

Group II: Claims 24-27, drawn to a method of producing a metal cloth.

**ELECTION:**

Applicants respectfully elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 16-23 and 28 for further prosecution.